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- 25X1 1. The top leaders of the SED, including Ulbricht, Grotewohl, Pieck, Dahlem,  
25X1 and Gniffke, held daily conferences with Col. Tulpanov and other  
25X1 political officers and special emissaries from Moscow  
25X1 These meetings were devoted to discussion of future operations  
in western Germany. International control of the Ruhr was a special topic.  
It was decided to use the Ruhr question as the starting point for planned  
"National Resistance". The latter will include a call for strikes, possibly  
for a general strike. The SED will attempt to conceal its own role in  
the National Resistance in order not to alienate non-Communist elements  
in the West. The main appeal will be to those segments of the political  
parties that are disgruntled by Allied policies in the West.
- 25X1 2. The SED hopes that the bourgeois parties in the West will themselves  
25X1 proclaim a state of emergency to be followed by proclamation of the  
25X1 National Resistance. The Volksrat will then add its support to this action.  
25X1 To this end the SED is forcing the bourgeois parties in the Russian Zone to  
25X1 make contact with bourgeois leaders in the West.
- 25X1 In addition to the political parties, the  
25X1 church and other institutions in the Russian Zone will be forced to lend  
25X1 themselves to this program.
3. The SED is prepared to play down all its normal communist demands during  
this phase in the belief that success of the "National Resistance" will  
lead to far-reaching, revolutionary changes. For the present stress is to  
be laid on rallying all nationalist elements against the Western Allies  
and presenting Russia as the champion of German interests. It is expected  
that propaganda for withdrawal of the armies of occupation will be especially  
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